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SUBJECT: OAU SEC GEN INTERVIEWED IN BUJUMBURA

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1. OAU SEC GEN EKANGAKI WAS

INTERVIEWED AT BUJUMBURA AIRPORT JULY 18 BY GRB RADIO.

EKANGAKI WAS ON WAY TO GOMA AFTER VISITING DAR ES SALAAM

AND BEFORE VISITING KIGALI. VISIT TO THREE CAPITALS MADE

AT URGENT REQUEST OAU PRESIDENT GOWON.

2. IN RESPONSE TO SHARP QUESTIONING FROM POLEMICAL INTERVIEWER,

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EKANGAKI MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. PURPOSE OF TRIP TO BURUNDI WAS TO FORM MORE EXACT IDEA OF SITUATION IN THIS PART OF AFRICA.

B. BURUNDI'S PROBLEMS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, ESPECIALLY WITH TANZANIA, MUST BE DEALT WITH IN USUAL OAU FASHION. THIS WAS EKANGAKI'S PURPOSE-TO SEEK WAYS OF CREATING NECESSARY ATMOSPHERE OF "CORDIALITY AND FRATERNITY, WITH CONFIDENCE IN MATURITY OF PRESIDENTS MICOMBERO AND NYERERE."

C. TANZANIA HAS ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE OF MOVING REFUGEES AWAY FROM BORDER AND HAS MADE GREAT EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION. MANY STILL REMAIN ON FRONTIER HOWEVER. UN AND OAU IN AGREEMENT THAT REMOVAL OF REFUGEES FROM BORDER IS ONE OF NECESSARY WAYS TO EASE ATMOSPHERE. OAU WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH TANZANIA AND RWANDA TO ACCOMPLISH REMOVAL.

D. CONCERNING TANZANIAN BLOCKADE OF BURUNDI GOODS , OAU WOULD NOT SEEK TO IMPOSE ANY SOLUTION. IT WILL CONTINUE TO STIMULATE DEIALOGUE. EKANGAKI HIMSELF HAD BEEN REASSURED BY HIS TALK WITH NYERERE THAT MORNING AND LATTER'S INTENTION MEET WITH MICOMBOER.

E. OAU HAS BEEN MOST ACTIVE ON BURUNDI QUESTION AND EKANGAKI WILL REPORT TO GOWON IN LAGOS AS SOON AS HE CAN RETURN THERE. WITH REGARD TO OAU SENDING OF FACT FINDING GROUP AS REQUESTED BY MICOMBERO, SUCH ACTION POSSIBLE ONLY IF IT IS DECIDED AFTER EKANGAKI TRIP THAT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL AND WOULD HAVE FULL SUPPORT OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.YOST

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